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## Council hopefuls now number 11

The eight declared candidates for Aurora Council were joined by three more last week - one newcomer and two incumbents.

At press time, joining the previously declared John Abel, Jim Abram, Chris Ballard, Roy Cohen, incumbent Wendy Gaertner, Milton Hart, James Lill and Paul Pirri are Helen Power and incumbents Stephen Granger and Al Wilson.

In an email sent to supporters, Councillor Wilson thanked Aurorans for the "privilege of serving as councillor for the past four years."

Although Councillor Bob McRoberts has since announced

he will not be seeking another term, Councillors Alison Collins-Mrakas, John Gallo, and Evelina MacEachern have yet to make their intentions known.

Councillor Evelyn Buck has indicated she will seek re-election but has yet to declare.

The mayoral race remains unchanged with Roger Clowater, Geoffrey Dawe, former councillor Nigel Kean, and incumbent Mayor Phyllis Morris still in the running.

Mr. Dawe's campaign, however, appeared to get a head start last week with his orange and black election signs popping up around town Friday.

## Sidewalk addition okayed by council

The last piece in the sidewalk linking Industrial Parkway and John West Way along the north side of Wellington Street should soon be completed following Council's awarding of a tender to finish the job this month.

The \$64,930 tender, which includes a retaining wall and pedestrian railings along with the sidewalk itself, was awarded to Forest Ridge Landscaping.

The Town received a total of six tenders for the job; five were accepted.

With the inclusion of the cost for project design under a separate pur-

## Jan Davis dies at 59

Jan Davis, who for years ran the license office in Aurora, died in hospital Sunday night.

She was 59.

Funeral details had not been announced at The Auroran's press time.

chase order and the relocation of an existing hydro pole, the project comes to \$99,107.11 out of a total approved budget of \$100,000.

"Council approved the project to complete sidewalk connections on the north side of Wellington Street east of Industrial Parkway to improve pedestrian access along Wellington Street," said Ilmar Simanovskis, Director of Infrastructure, in his report to Council.

While the matter was approved, Councillor Al Wilson indicated he had some reservations over the total cost of this project, which he said was "extremely high" per foot.

"How many feet of sidewalk are we getting for \$65,000?" he asked. "I know this is a difficult site, but it appears to be a very small sidewalk for \$65,000."

Mr. Simanovskis estimated it accounts for approximately 100 feet of sidewalk.

"I would add that the bulk of the expense is actually not so much the sidewalk but the retaining wall that is required to make up for the grade difference that is between the road and the property," he added.



Members of the Silver Stars Drama Club were on hand Saturday to entertain visitors at the Aurora Farmers' Market at the Town Park. Presented by the Aurora Seniors' Association, the performance was produced and directed by Judy Buchanan. Most of those who took part in the hour-long entertainment are shown here.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

## Dog decision delayed until September 2nd

A decision on the destruction of the dog in question following the Easter weekend attack which injured Aurora resident Shelley Rose and killed her dog Kola is expected to be handed down this Thursday, following an emotional day in court last week.

Last Monday, Ms Rose told her side of what happened Easter Sunday to the court.

Also called to the stand were OSPCA Officer Paul Lincoln, and Debbie and Laurissa Wiitala, wife and daughter respectively of defendant Dennis Wiitala.

Following their respective testimonies, the Justice of the Peace said she would reserve her decision until September 2nd to "ponder" the evidence

given by both parties and weigh all options in light of the severity of the Crown's request - the destruction of Dax, the Wiitala's dog.

While recounting what happened the evening of Easter Sunday, Ms Rose said she was taking Kola for his regular evening walk when she noticed a

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## COMING EVENTS

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Donna McMaster of the Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners will be at Aurora Public Library to share tips and information on growing and caring for clematis. Event is free at 7 p.m. in the Lebovic Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

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Amnesty International meets at the Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, beginning at 7.30 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information, call 905-713-6713.

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The Aurora Cultural Centre presents "Distinctly Canadian: Celebrating the Fine Art of Members of the Ontario Society of Artists and the Royal Canadian Academy". This group exhibition features paintings and contemporary sculpture from 10 artists, including Aurora-based Lillian Michiko Blakey. Launch reception is at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Show continues through until October 30th; free admission. For more information and gallery hours, call 905-713-1818 or send email to info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Aurora Seniors Opera Club presents "Madama Butterfly" on the screen in the lounge of the seniors' centre. The event will feature Aurora's own Opera Singer Sarah Kyle singing a small repertoire of opera hits. The \$5 admission charge includes refreshments. For further information, call Jytte Gillies at 905-868-9070.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Aurora Writers' Group hosts 'Tea and Scones and Stories', a book launch for their newest publication, Aurora Storyalis III, from 2 to 4 p.m. at an afternoon tea at the Aurora Cultural Centre, (formerly the Church Street School) 22 Church Street.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Aurora Chamber of Commerce holds a networking breakfast with optional golf at Westview Golf Club, 1563 Vandorf Road. If you are a golfer stay and play an informal nine holes of golf with tee time at 9 a.m. Cost for breakfast is \$20 members, and \$25 for guests. Golf with cart is \$25 members and \$30 for guests.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Annual flower show will be held at the Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge Street from noon to 4 p.m. Call Ray for more info at 905-727-6168.

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The Aurora Cultural Centre will host a Wellness Market open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 40 health practitioners will be available to answer questions and find solutions. Workshops and guest speakers begin after 4 p.m. For a full agenda visit: <http://www.artcures.ca> or call the Aurora Cultural Centre at 905-713-1818.

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Magna's Wild, Wild West Hoedown begins at 5 p.m. at Magna headquarters, east on Wellington Street. Tickets are available throughout Aurora.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The first Dog and Mutt Show will be held in the Arboretum grounds directly behind the Aurora Seniors' Centre, 5 Municipal Drive, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Wesley United Church's annual ham dinner will have two seatings today: 5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The church is at the corner of Woodbine and Aurora Road. For tickets call Sherry at 905-853-4915.

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The Annual general meeting and members' September social for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Wellington Gallery, 32 Wellington St. West, from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. This event is for members only and pre-registration is mandatory. There will also be a brief presentation of the Chamber financial statements for the year-end June 30, 2010.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

On behalf of the Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee, The Town of Aurora presents the "Energy Efficient Old Home" workshop at the Aurora Seniors' Centre beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 3 p.m. The workshop will focus on energy efficiency issues in relation to historic houses since every year character defining elements are removed from historic houses in the name of energy efficiency. Guest for the event is Christopher Cooper, Editor-in-Chief of Edifice Old Home Magazine. Prices are \$45 per person or \$70 per family (2 individuals residing at the same address) and lunch is included in the price. For further information, call Mai Al Nabhan at 905-727-3123 ext. 4351. For registration and to purchase tickets, contact Karen Pyziak at 905-727-3123 ext. 4340. Due to space limitations, tickets must be purchased by Friday, September 20.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The Aurora Public Library presents Terry Kelly of Ontario Early Years for a free presentation for parents/caregivers of children 2-7 years. Along with literacy, numeracy, and social skills, young children need self-regulation skills for success in school. These include being able to settle oneself for sleep, delay gratification, pay attention to a task, develop a good working memory, think outside the box, and to wait for one's turn. Event is free at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call **Please see page 15**

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# Mead selected to service lights

Mead Electric's contract to maintain Aurora's streetlights has been renewed for a further five years, amid some concerns that the tendering process could have been handled a different way.

In a report to Council, Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure recommended the Town renew the contract with Mead for the "supply of all labour, material and equipment necessary for the external street lighting infrastructure and maintenance" and that award for 2010 "be \$100,000, excluding all taxes."

"The work to be performed includes the supply of all labour, material and equipment necessary for the external street lighting infrastructure maintenance," he said.

In reviewing the report, Councillor Al Wilson noted that Mead's total bid price clocked in at \$200,607.80 even though the award for the 2010 contract year was earmarked at \$100,000.

Mr. Simanovskis likened this situation to a "shopping list" where unit prices are contained in a contract from which the town will select items from as needed.

"I find this odd," said

Councillor Evelina MacEachern. "We're suggesting the bid results are as we see [in the report] but we're awarding a contract for \$100,000, so we're basically awarding a contract different from what the bid tenders came in at."

Mr. Simanovskis then went back to his "shopping list" analogy.

"We may have to do something like the replacement of 2,000 street lights and we request a unit price for that," he said. "Now we may not replace 2,000 street lights [and] only replace 500 so essentially this tender has been set up like a shopping list of various items, all of many which may not necessarily be required to achieve our maintenance standards."

Treasurer Dan Elliott said he agreed with Mr. Simanovskis' analogy.

"It is referred to as a unit price contract," he said. "We spec out what we may be required to need - we don't know how many lamp poles are going to be knocked down by automobiles in a year, so we say how much does it cost for those? We think it is going to be 20 this year, only we pay for three at the rate they quote."

Concerns, however, still remained at the table.

"My concern with this before us is maybe for the next time it is possible that one of these or more of these [companies] might have bid differently if the quantities were lower," said Councillor MacEachern. "I think it is something that we do want to look at."

The Town does not expect to buy every item on the "shopping list", said Mr. Simanovskis, adding that maintaining a competitive price is important.

"The vendors understand that," he said to Councillor MacEachern. "But that is a valid point and it is definitely worth reviewing."



Aurora Teen Idol for this year, Sarah Carmosino, entertained the crowd Saturday at the Aurora Youth Swap and Sale event held at Aurora's Ada Johnson Park. Proceeds from the four-hour event went to Thalia's Journey, a bid to raise money to send eight-year-old Thalia Avgousti, of Aurora, to Germany for a Stem Cell Therapy operation, an operation that will not cure her cerebral palsy, but her condition can be improved.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

## School reunion planned at Graystone Restaurant

If you attended school anywhere in Aurora and are now over the age of 30, there's a party you're invited to.

One night only, on Friday, October 1st at 8 p.m., former students from Aurora schools including Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, Aurora High School, Aurora Senior Public School, St. Joseph's, Regency Acres and Wells Street are invited

to the Graystone's Dance Club.

A limited number of event tickets are available for \$25 each which includes admission and refreshments.

The refreshments will be served at 11 p.m., but you're on the hook for the bar.

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land@rogers.com.

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## Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

### My hat is off to soccer volunteers

A couple of weeks ago, I went to see my granddaughter - she's five, and she's the first one to tell you that - play soccer. Her name is Mikayla, and she kicks a pretty mean soccer ball.

Hey, so does everyone else on her team and I soon saw that as I watched them go through their paces at a game/practice on a Wednesday evening at the Aurora Senior Public School.

Now, I haven't been on that property since I was a public school trustee a whole lot of years ago. As a matter of fact, I have probably never been on the playing field.

At one time, the school served as the headquarters for one of four districts in York Region, and each district had its own superintendent. I kissed up to a lot of them then...

But, I digress.

On this particular Wednesday, the field had been subdivided into three smaller fields, so six teams could play and/or practice.

On Saturday, I was surprised to see part of the Town Park had been divided into two soccer fields for a tournament or something.

It told me a story. Soccer is a very popular summer sport and there's not enough room in Aurora to accommodate all those wanna-be soccer players.

I immediately began to think of my one-time friend John Traganitis. His death, several years ago, came as a big shock to me, because I believed soccer players were beyond that sort of thing.

Trag, as we used to call him, was partially responsible for the Tournament of Auroras, and I thought it was a great idea.

There are Auroras all over the place - 18 in the United States at that time - and so each year, usually around Labour Day, there would be a tournament, and you always knew Aurora would win.

Every once in a while, a team from our Aurora would travel to Aurora, Illinois, or Aurora, Colorado, to meet a soccer team from there.

Like our town's relationship with Leksand, Sweden, the Tournament of Auroras died off, as did the regular visits to Sweden.

It's time, I think, to bring them back. Any takers?

Frankly, soccer is not my favourite game.

When I was growing up in North Bay (yes, yes, that's where Mike Harris is from) I could never understand why anyone would give up a Sunday afternoon to play soccer. Not when you could spend half your weekend walking up and down the main street looking at girls.

But the soccer players did and the sport grew and grew.

Now, it's almost out of control, judging from the numbers of youngsters playing the game, so a Tournament of Auroras needs to be revitalized.

What I really started out to say was "congratulations" to all those - much younger - people who devote their time to coaching the soccer youngsters.

Men and women alike are part of the crew - yes, I know, some of them coach their own children - of volunteers who give up valuable time to make sure these young soccer players keep up their interest in the game.

I know I couldn't do it. I'd rather play hockey, and I can't do that anymore, either.

But, maybe, just maybe, that will be fixed in the next month or two. I'll tell you that story next week.

### Letter to the Editor

## Guilty as charged, Sher says

To the editor,

The Aurora jazz+ Festival was an incredible success for Arts, Culture and Music in the Town of Aurora.

In response to concerns of Mr. Maddocks (letter, The Auroran, August 17) re the July 31st morning:

Saturday morning I arrived in the park, I saw a few folks were inside who hadn't paid the nominal entry fee of \$5 to support festival costs.

I assumed they didn't know so I politely advised them this was a paid event and requested they finish up and leave the park or pay the \$5 fee and stay.

Most were very sociable and agreed.

There were, however, two ladies in the park who treated me with open disdain, challenging me with unkind, unfounded accusations regarding my character.

I gave these ladies the choice to either pay the \$5

like everyone else, or to leave the park.

I sensed they were there at someone's behest to test me or create a scene.

Shortly after they left a bylaw officer appeared with a complaint, which proved absolutely unfounded. So I am not surprised by this letter...

Regarding the \$5 fee - after six months of ads, a press release was sent out two weeks prior advising a fee of \$5/adult (kids free).

The 2009 festival was done in conjunction with the Aurora Farmers' Market, by St. Kitts Music when I was the market's Special Events Coordinator.

This year market executive decided not to support the festival and not to have most of their previously scheduled special events.

Therefore, this year's jazz festival was organized by St. Kitts Music.

We received none of the

special waivers the Market enjoyed during the past few years at Town Park.

We paid for park fees, insurance, entertainment, staging, portable toilets, security, policing, fencing and more to create a safe, successful festival.

These high costs were slightly offset by the nominal entry fee.

This is not a Town run 'free' event.

We were permitted to use Town Park and were responsible for what happens in that Park July 30-31st.

We take our responsibility seriously.

So called "free" events in Town Park are actually paid for by your tax dollars, so really not free either.

There have always been events in Aurora where an admission fee is charged.

The Optimists Dance has closed Yonge Street and charged \$10 to enter.

The \$5 seemed fair as we

offered so much: two stages, special sounds systems, lighting, 18 bands and performers which included Juno winners and nominees.

We tried to provide good value while supporting the two charities and our community artists. Fencing was a legal requirement due to the presence of a beer/wine garden and was organized by the Rotary Club in compliance with regulations.

Yes, I am a 'good buddy' to those great people in Aurora, who encourage culture and the arts.

What is really petty and disgusting are people who have so much time to complain about what really?

What am I guilty of here?

Supporting, promoting and seeking to enrich the arts, culture, music and local charities?

Guilty as charged!!

Sher St. Kitts  
Snowball



We took the above photo from Page 1 of the Toronto Star, January 25, 1954. It shows the seriousness of a downtown Aurora fire that claimed a life and drew an additional six fire brigades to fight it. Destroyed in the blaze were Thompson's Furniture store and Ray's Cafe, where the victim apparently worked. Damaged were Brice's Meat Market, Bowser's Hardware, Cameron-Loblaw grocery store and five other businesses along Yonge Street. Aurora volunteer firefighters had help from units in Bradford, Mount Albert, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Vaughan Township and Maple. Witnesses reported two explosions, which shattered windows a block away.

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## Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

## Modifying formats for municipal debates

By now, you may have received a knock on the door from one of the mayoralty or council candidates or you may have received a pamphlet from one of them in your mailbox.

The municipal campaigns will be gearing up over the next two months for the October 25 election. Part of this process will involve public forums and debates where those seeking council seats or the mayors' chair can discuss their respective visions for the Town.

I have attended a number of the federal, provincial and municipal debates in our community over the years, and for the most part I have found them wanting.

They have, I must say, been entertaining and interesting, but as a way to impart knowledge and subject candidates to a thoughtful and respectful inspection and evaluation of their views, not a chance.

The reason that the local public forums have not been successful has nothing to do with the candidates themselves or their supporters.

The hall is usually jammed, and the atmosphere is electric and tense, similar to that prior to a big prizefight.

It has to do with two things; the number of aspirants for the positions and the format of the debates themselves.

Let's take a brief look at recent federal leaders' debates.

These debates are held in a television studio, without an audience. Usually, the party leaders are asked questions by a panel of journalists. Sometimes questions are asked of the leaders directly from the voters, via a video clip.

The debate format has been modified a few times over the years, depending upon the number of party leaders invited to take

part. As there were only three party leaders involved in the 1984 and 1988 debates, each of the prime ministerial aspirants had a number of one-on-one sessions with the others. This led to those memorable Mulroney and Turner exchanges in both 1984 and 1988.

The format was altered again for the federal debates held during the most recent federal elections. Each of the party leaders was not allowed to directly engage the other leaders. It was therefore really a case of the leaders delivering prepared statements.

I like the confrontational aspect of the debates. I agree that the format does not work with five people speaking over one another and I also very much agree that a more respectful tone is required. A great moderator is also a must.

However, I think they should bring back the one-on-one engagement. The leaders need to have their opinions subjected to the scrutiny of the harshest light - and aside from news media reports of the party platforms, debate night is the only night of un-filtered focus.

I want to see how a party leader defends the platform position under cross-examination and I also want to see party leaders pick logical holes in their opponents' arguments.

At the local level, the introduction of the one-on-one format could be done for the mayoralty debates.

The problem is that the council debate could include a large number of candidates, which can be a logistical and thematic nightmare.

For argument's sake, let's assume there will be 20 Aurora council candidates. I humbly suggest that each candidate should

be given an opportunity for a one to two-minute opening statement. Then, why not group (via a random draw) the candidates into groups of five.

Make each "bear pit" session either 15 or 20 minutes.

A question is then posed to the group. After a suitable amount of time has been spent on the question, another question is then offered. Four to six questions should get dealt with during this time.

Each candidate can offer their respective opinion or challenge the assertions/policies of the others. This format can work if you have a strong moderator who lays out the ground rules, and makes sure the candidates follow them.

It also works if the candidates themselves truly respect their fellow candidates and give their competitors the time to finish their sentences before interrupting.

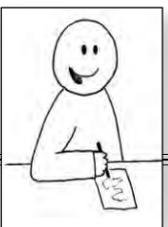
Another suggestion is to only allow members of the media to ask the questions or, prior to the event, have a panel choose from audience submitted written questions.

Or have a mix of media and public questions, but have the moderator read out the questions.

The citizens of Aurora deserve a vigorous and respectful debate this fall on the issues of growth, the level, quality and costs of services, and the appropriate level of taxation.

Re-vamping the debate format could lead to an engaging and thoughtful discussion of Aurora's future.

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## Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

## Doing less by doing more

I'm not normally one to complain, but I have a grievance this summer with the leisure services people at the Town of Aurora, and a number of our local community groups.

I was hoping for a nice relaxing summer, during which I could putter around the house during my time off, and catch up on a few things.

But looking back on the past couple of months, I never had time to do any of that, and I blame it entirely on the folks mentioned above.

It all started July 1st with the Canada Day festivities.

Well, a true Auroran can't miss this terrific opportunity to celebrate our nation's birthday with friends and neighbours. So I put off a few things to take it in.

After a full day starting with the parade, then moving on to a number of fun events at the Leisure Complex, a Beatles tribute concert, and wrapping up with a dazzling fireworks display, I was exhausted.

But I didn't have long to either recover, or get in any of those hoped for errands, because by then the Concerts in the Park had started. And with a different band appearing each week, I didn't want to miss any of them.

Another activity that took up more of my time was the

Farmer's Market.

It's on every weekend, and who could pass up on all the fresh produce, baked goods and other things to try?

So more things were deferred.

As we entered August there were additional special events to enjoy and divert my attention, including the multi-day Jazz Festival, and shortly after that, Doors Open.

I had a great time at both activities, and in between, I attended the season opener at Theatre Aurora.

You may think that all these weekly and one-time special events would not eat into one's time that much, but you also have to consider all the other unique and entertaining things in town that can so easily catch your interest and divert your attention over the summer.

Just opening The Auroran to the Coming Events page each week revealed art exhibitions, horticultural walks and displays, car shows, open houses, speaking events, sports tournaments, craft shows, charity barbeques, activities at the Cultural Centre .....

As the saying goes; there was so much to see and do, and so little time. But forgoing all those odd jobs around the house, I gamely gave it my best shot.

Meanwhile at home, my "to do" list was gathering dust and cobwebs.

Thanks to all those creative town staff, volunteers and community groups, who put so much time and effort into organizing this endless series of enjoyable activities, I spent the past two months having a great time while bouncing from one event to the other.

By the time I took in three days of different Movies in the Park at various venues around town last week, I was ready to throw in the towel, and admit that I'd never get anything done around the house.

I remember back years ago when there were fewer organized activities in town in the summer. With less to do, one could actually get things done. But no more.

So, I may have to complain to someone about the number of enjoyable events, and their impact on my much-deferred projects.

But not quite yet.

After all, both Ribfest and Hoedown are coming up over the next few weeks.

Feel free to e-mail Scott at:  
machellscorners@gmail.com

Letters to the Editor

# Resident not amused by Sher's letter to editor

To the editor,

Sher St. Kitt's latest letter (The Auroran, August 24) to The Auroran states that the August 17th council meeting was a great moment for citizens who believe in honesty, integrity and respect.

On the contrary, to a great many thoughtful residents of Aurora, the meeting was a travesty.

These residents do strongly believe in honesty, integrity and respect, but have not seen much evidence of it in the past four years on council and this particular meeting was no exception.

Having the Integrity Commissioner make public his report before it was discussed privately, smeared the reputation of the accused just by airing it, and two respected members of council refused to witness this.

They left the meeting in protest.

Evelyn Buck is an honest member of council with extensive municipal experiences who "tells it like it is".

Some people don't like this, especially other councillors lacking her knowledge and her command of the English language.

In her letter, Sher called the Integrity

Commissioner "esteemed Mr. Tsubouchi".

Some of us remember this same Tsubouchi, when a member of the Harris "Lack of Common Sense" Ontario government, cut the welfare rate by 22 per cent and then advised the unfortunate poor that they could help feed their families by buying dented tins of tuna.

At this same meeting Sher appeared in the Open Forum section, as she often does to compliment herself on the Canada Day parade, but this time she was patting herself on the back about the recent Jazz Festival.

She, as usual, praised

it to the skies, even though the advance publicity did not mention that there would be a \$5 charge to attend, and no notice that a high fence would be erected, which, at first, prevented others access to the washrooms.

Sher herself chased out residents who were there having their usual Saturday breakfast around 9 o'clock.

These people wondered how a major commercial enterprise could take place in a town park intended for recreation and open to everyone.

Finally, Sher wrote that the Integrity Commissioner stated that

a code of conduct could help communities to a higher ground, and Sher made quite a flap about standing up for "Higher Ground".

Speaking of higher ground, Sher, with her

flair for exaggeration, could be standing on a mole hill and swear to the world that she is standing on top of a mountain.

Flo Murray  
Aurora

## Pick one to run against mayor, this Auroran reader believes

To the editor,

Norm Weller had it right a few weeks back with his letter to The Auroran pointing out that the bid for the Mayor's chair should be a two-person race.

Then, Ron Wallace, in his Poor Ronnie column, said the same thing in last week's edition.

And now, so will I.

Had the municipal election of 2006 been only a two-person race, we would still have a mayor worthy of the position.

But the citizens of Aurora had a third choice, which turned out to be a spoiler.

So the suggestion put forth from Poor Ronnie for

two of the three candidates to step down and run for a council member position makes every bit of sense.

Therefore, I am pleading with the three hopeful candidates who dearly wish to "wrench the reigns of power" away from Her Royal Highness to come to a mutual agreement and send only one worthy can-

didate into battle.

Should this not happen, then I'm very afraid that the good people of Aurora will be destined to another four years of the same egotistical and condescending leadership that most of us have come to loath.

Mark Holmes  
Aurora

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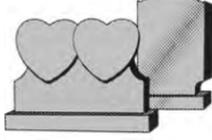
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Letters to the Editor

# Councillor reviews Charter of Rights, Freedoms

To the editor,

1. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

**Fundamental freedoms**

2. Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:

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The Charter of Rights

and Freedoms was enshrined in law in 1981.

Lines at the end, over the signature of Pierre Elliott Trudeau state as follows: "We must now establish the basic principle, the basic values and beliefs which hold us together as Canadians so that beyond our regional loyalties, there is a way of life and a system of values which make us proud of the country that has given us freedom and such immeas-

urable joy."

Aurora's second Integrity Commissioner was chosen by the same six individuals currently the subject of civil action for Libel and Slander and for Breach of Charter Rights.

A 12-month contract was signed on April 1st though a moratorium on complaints is the norm from August 1st in an election year.

Immediately following his appointment, he received

two complaints from a party cited in civil litigation.

He was legally notified of litigation in process and lack of authority to proceed.

He neither acknowledged nor responded to the notification.

Without identifying specifics of the complaint; without identifying substance of an investigation; without outlining the basis of his decisions, he made two findings.

One of which he amended later by a communication sent to the municipality from his Blackberry.

He claimed to have spoken to two councillors in the course of his investigation. Subsequently he was compelled to acknowledge that was not accurate.

He spoke only to the complainant.

**Evelyn Buck  
Aurora**

## Heard's stories contrast events that occur now

To the editor,

On 'Doors Open' Saturday, August 21, local history buff Step in Time tour founder David Heard escorted a group of history enthusiasts on his tribute to Local Heroes, Walk for Peace tour.

Mr. Heard's stories about heroes of Aurora included early settlers and pioneer leaders who came from afar, the brave women and men who served during both world wars and Aurorans who are presently serving with the military.

He told captivating accounts of industries that at one time made Aurora internationally famous and

about some of the charming original buildings that continue to grace many of our streets.

One couldn't help but compare the pleasant and peaceful experience of the tour to the disturbing ongoing discord amongst our present-day leaders in council sessions which our citizens have had constant reminders of.

The tour was a most refreshing contrast to the disappointing direction things have taken over a very lengthy period of time in Aurora's council chamber.

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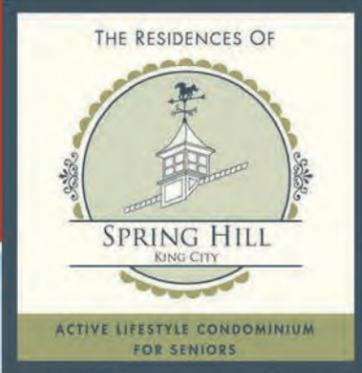
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**Ms Roberta MacNeil shows the afghan she won in a recent draw at the Aurora Farmers' Market. She is with letter writer Bill Hack. Funds raised from the draw will go to the Aurora Optimist Club to help raise money for the community's youth. A second afghan will be raffled off and the draw will also be made at the Farmers' Market.**

## Woman wins afghan raffle

To the editor,

Mrs. McNeil was the proud winner of an afghan raffled by the Optimist Club booth at the Aurora Farmers' Market.

The afghan was generously donated by Ruth Sharp to the club to help raise money for Aurora's youth.

Mrs. Sharp has already donated another afghan, which will be on view at the market, and the new winner will be drawn on the last market day.

Bill Hack  
Aurora

## Couple will miss Bob McRoberts

To the editor,

It is with sadness that we have learned that Bob McRoberts will not be running for council or mayor in the upcoming election.

We understand, all too well, the frustrations at another four-year term after watching "the six" on council "perform".

You will be missed and perhaps will return in the future.

Move over Grace Marsh. We miss you, too.

Ruth and Doug Tindall  
Aurora

## Letters to the Editor

# Three running will split vote: reader

To the editor,

This is an appeal to the three mayoral candidates, Messrs. Kean, Dawe and Clowater, for re-evaluation of their mayoral aspirations.

Given that the prevailing sentiment among Aurorans indicates that they want a change of mayor, why in heaven's name would you want to split the upcoming municipal vote four ways?

To make it easier for Mayor Morris to be re-elected?

Because that's what may well happen if you continue with your present agenda.

Gentlemen, please, let's have some common sense and less EGO prevail here.

My suggestion to the three of you is: select the most experienced and qualified among you, with the best chances of win-

ning against Mayor Morris and the other two could run for councillor, which if elected, would give them valuable municipal experience and they could try again for mayor in four years.

If you really don't want Mayor Morris re-elected, why not maximize your chances this way?

Or could it be, heaven forbid, that one or two of

you are trying to split the vote to make it easier for Mayor Morris to get back in.

Come on, guys, get your act together and let's send one of you to the town hall as mayor.

Otherwise Mayor Morris might well be laughing all the way back to the town hall.

Hans Stech  
Aurora

## Klees gets nod to represent PCs

Newmarket-Aurora Member of the Provincial Legislature, Progressive Conservative Frank Klees will be the PC's choice in the next provincial election.

Klees was acclaimed for the position last week.

The election will be held October 6, 2011.

Klees, an Aurora resident for the past 20 years, has represented the Newmarket-Aurora riding since its inception in 2007, but has served as MPP in the area since 1995, when he was elected in the now-defunct riding of York Mackenzie.

When the Tories formed the government, Mr. Klees served on the cabinet as Minister of Tourism and Recreation and Minister of Transportation.

Currently, serving in the official opposition, he is a critic in Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Klees resides on Golf Links Drive with his wife Jaine.

They have two adult children, Robert and Alissa.

There has been no word from the Liberals or the New Democratic Party as to when they will announce their choice in the the upcoming election.

In the last election, Mr. Klees, then 56, won the brand new riding of Newmarket-Aurora in a nail-biter over newcomer Liberal Christina Bisanz.

With all 231 polls accounted for, he won the election 19,435 to 18,088 over Ms Bisanz, and while his margin was never great, he led throughout the evening.

The formal meeting to confirm the nomination will take place September 16 at the Glenway Golf Club in Newmarket.

The public is invited to attend.

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# Judge reserves decision until September 2nd

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woman walking a large black dog near the intersection of Seaton Drive and Child Drive.

"She seemed to be struggling with it," Ms Rose said. "I guess the reason I noticed that is because Kola was 14 pounds. He was kind of a smaller dog and I was always careful when I was walking him. I noticed that and I kind of hesitated and waited until this woman had turned the corner with her dog."

She said she next spotted the female dog walker, who was identified as Laurissa Wiitala, after proceeding past a few more houses.

Although she saw Ms Wiitala, she said she could no longer see the dog and assumed that was their home and the dog was indoors.

A moment later it became apparent the dog was there, she added, and said she decided to stay where she was "just to see what was going to happen".

"At that point I was starting to get worried. I stayed there for a few minutes..." she said. "I saw the dog and it saw me and I started to proceed up the driveway of this house just so I could stand there and hopefully the dog wouldn't see us. Within a few minutes the dog came around the driveway and that is when I picked up my dog and tried to put him over my head to try and protect him from the dog."

## Afghanistan expert is guest speaker at Probus meeting

Chris Alexander, a former Canadian diplomat and United Nations official, will be the guest speaker at the next Aurora Probus Club meeting, The Auroran has learned.

The guest speaker, who is expected to talk about Afghanistan, will be at the meeting Wednesday, September 8, and is expected to talk from 11 a.m. to noon.

After spending more than six years in Afghanistan, Alexander helped lead the world's largest multilateral stabilization mission, paving the way for enlarged institution-building and counter-insurgency efforts.

Now writing a book on Afghanistan, he is active on a wide range of policy debates.

For further information, call Bob Staley, chairperson of the Probus programming committee, at 905-727-5017.

The meeting is held at the Aurora Legion beginning at 10 a.m.

"The dog jumped onto me and grabbed Kola out of my hands and within the next 10 to 15 minutes it was just a struggle," Ms Rose added, her voice cracking. "Again, I wasn't looking at my watch but it appeared to be about that time and five or six times I was able to get Kola out of his mouth."

Ms Rose went on to say she recalled hearing the voice of Ms Wiitala asking Ms Rose to hold Dax so she could put his collar back on.

"I couldn't hold him," said Ms Rose.

Ms Rose then recalled the hectic moments that went on to happen, including someone coming out of their house to throw water on the dogs and being told to throw Kola over the fence, out of the way of Dax.

"I remember looking over [the fence] and seeing Kola's eyes open and in a second his eyes closed," said Ms Rose through tears. "A couple of people wouldn't let me go over there. I remember coming back there. I remember not feeling my left hand. I remember passing out. I remember waking up and hearing my son's voice."

During the fight, Ms Rose said she sustained several puncture wounds on her feet and hands, including a bite which went right through the tendon of her left thumb as a result of trying to get Kola out of Dax's mouth.

Ms Wiitala's testimony varied little from Ms Rose's account of the incident.

She said while she noticed Ms Rose walking

behind her, as they live in an area that is home to several dogs, it was not an uncommon situation. After rounding the corner and letting Dax make use of a nearby bush, Ms Wiitala said she saw Ms Rose and Kola come around as well.

"Both my dog and I saw her and her dog," she said. "Again, we just noticed and went to carry on. We usually allow [our dog] to go up and greet other dogs, however that day I just said let's carry on. I went to pull him to keep walking and he wanted to go see the dog. For some reason he decided he wanted to pull back and he pulled himself out of his gentle leader and went over to see Ms Rose and her dog."

"He didn't run over in an aggressive manner but he did run over to see her. He's a very fast dog so he wasn't running his full speed, but he was excited to go over and see her."

Ms Wiitala responded in the negative when asked if she was concerned that Dax had gotten out of his gentle lead. She added that she yelled out to Ms Rose to stay calm as Dax was friendly. However, as Ms Rose retreated behind a waist-high fence, Dax jumped up alongside her.

"At that point, in the midst of it all, [Kola] did fall to the ground and from that point on with them being behind the fence and me getting there as fast as I could, it all happened in a blur and then the dogs were in a fight."

"I tried to run through it and I don't understand what happened or what

triggered it because I had never seen this kind of behaviour from him. It was just so quick."

Pulling Dax by the scruff of his neck as she had nothing else to grab onto, Ms Wiitala said she used all her strength to pull him out of the fight.

"He is a big dog but I

have never been intimidated to be one on one physically with him. I never felt that I couldn't control him. This time it was like I wasn't even there. No matter what I did I didn't have the capability to stop the unfortunate situation."

Before stepping down from the stand, Ms Wiitala

said she has "no prior knowledge" of Dax behaving in that way.

"I wouldn't say the entire day was unpredictable because we began our walk in an extremely predictable manner and he stayed predictable until the time that he pulled out of the leash."



## Klees to be acclaimed PC Candidate

The Newmarket-Aurora Provincial PC Association confirmed this week that veteran MPP Frank Klees will be the PC candidate in the next provincial election. The election date is set for October 6, 2011 under Ontario's fixed election date legislation.

First elected to the Ontario Legislature in June 1995 to represent the riding of York Mackenzie, Frank Klees was re-elected in June 1999 for a second term as MPP for the new riding of Oak Ridges, and in October 2003 for a third term, once again in Oak Ridges. As a result of re-distributing of electoral boundaries, Frank sought election in the October 10, 2007 election in the new riding of Newmarket-Aurora, where he now serves as MPP.

He has Critic responsibilities for Transportation and Infrastructure. Several major government agencies are under the jurisdiction of these ministries including: Infrastructure Ontario, Ontario Realty Corporation and Waterfront Toronto.

Frank has served in a number of cabinet positions in the Ontario government including Chief Government Whip, Minister of Tourism and Recreation and Minister of Transportation.

Although he has a successful track record in senior provincial government positions, Frank earned his reputation as someone who "gets things done" through his work on behalf of his constituents.

He was instrumental in securing a world-class Cardiac Care Centre for the Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, and he spearheaded the development of the "Oak Ridges Moraine Protection Act".

In response to the tragic deaths of his constituents, Rob and Lisa Manchester, Frank introduced his "Street Racing Bill" to empower police officers to crack down on this dangerous activity. The provisions of his bill were subsequently incorporated into government legislation.

And it was his experience with constituents whose lives were at risk while waiting for an organ transplant, that Frank developed and introduced his Organ Donation Bill, which received unanimous all-party support at every stage of the legislative process. Frank continues his advocacy on behalf of the organ donation issue and the many hundreds of people who are waiting organ transplants.

Frank is a 20 year resident of Aurora, where he lives with his wife Jaine. They have 2 adult children, Robert and Alissa.

"Frank's reputation as someone who gets things done reaches far beyond York Region, and we're fortunate to have his commitment to carry the PC banner again in the next election," said Stephen Somerville, President of the Newmarket-Aurora PC Association. "Frank understands our community, is always available and will go the extra mile to help and advocate for his constituents. I can't think of anyone better to represent us at Queen's Park."

The Formal meeting to confirm Klees' nomination will take place at 7.30 p.m. on September 16th at the Glenway Golf and Country Club. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the nomination meeting, the Newmarket-Aurora PC Association is hosting its Annual Reception with Frank Klees in appreciation of his public service to York Region and the Province.

Peter Shurman, MPP for Thornhill and the PC Critic for Economic Development will be the Guest Speaker.

Tickets to this event can be purchased by calling Derek Murray at 416-230-8652 or email at derekmurray@rogers.com

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## Aurorans get a look at trail plan

Aurorans had an opportunity to get their first look at the Town's Draft Trails Master plan last Wednesday as planners, town staff, and Klaus Wehrenberg, chair of Aurora's Trails Subcommittee were on hand to present information and answer questions. Members of the public gathered in the foyer of Town

Hall to read information boards and provide input on what they saw. "We want the trails experience to be a good one," said Mr. Wehrenberg. "To lure people out of their cars and onto the trails we must have barrier free crossings at major roads. The whole thing should be an alternate infrastructure for active

transportation. "To really get the people involved in this you have to make these corridors in a way that they become the way you want them to be and not just make do." A prime example of this would be Newmarket's extent of the Nokiidaa Trail, he said. Their heavily travelled links are barrier and traffic free and include underpasses under major roads, he said. "We need to let the Region know we expect them to put [in] the necessary underpasses and not just sit on the sidelines and wait for the Region to do it," Mr. Wehrenberg added, citing the need to have underpasses for Leslie Street in conjunction with the proposed widening of the road. "The Region doesn't want to do it, but we must ask for it and we must be persistent in asking for it. Also in attendance at the open house were Mayor Phyllis Morris, mayoral candidate and former Councillor Nigel Kean, and council candidate Jim Abram and his wife Sue. These underpasses were of particular interest to Mr. Abram.

"[My concerns are] about being on the Oak Ridges Moraine and how you develop that and mainly how you create an underpass for Leslie Street and how you can complete the trails system," he said. "Without that Regional support it kind of puts a blockade on the whole objective." "I have read some of what Klaus wants to do with these over and underpasses that it is money that is involved and the timing of when to put it in," added Mrs. Abram. "It seems like we're maybe not really taking advantage of some of these things that we should at an apropos time." The draft Trails Master Plan calls for the proposed trail plan to be implemented in three phases, with phase one implemented over the course of 15 years, phase two from the 16th year to

year 25, and phase three from the 26th year to 50 years and beyond. Key priorities of the implementation include the development of a "spine" which would connect the Town in east-west and north-south corridors in conjunction with existing transportation systems, connecting Aurora's pedestrian and cycling trails to those of other municipalities, and integrating the construction of trail facilities as part of new capital projects in the coming years. The plan also focuses on closing "short gaps" in the existing trails network to make a long and continuous route. According to planners, however, acquiring new land to "expand a road right-of-way" to only increase trail facilities, however, is not necessarily the answer. "[It] is not necessarily the best and most efficient use of public funds," planners noted. "But [it] may be the only long term option if no other alternative emerges." The Draft Trails Master Plan, in addition to setting targets, also makes a number of recommendations to council. While a significant chunk

of these are language related, it encourages the Town to develop partnerships with agencies to spread the word of what the Aurora Trails System has to offer. It also calls on the Town to recognize organizations, businesses, and individuals who have made significant contributions to developing the trails network. Getting the word out to the public and getting the image right is important to the success of the plan, said Mr. Wehrenberg, pointing to the success Newmarket has had promoting its stretch of the Nokiidaa Trail as adjacent to Fairy Lake and the town of Barrie for promoting its shoreline as an amenity. **Please see page 12**



Aurora ball player Tyler Clement was chosen to throw out the first pitch as the Town of Aurora officially opened its newest ball diamond last week at Stewart Burnett Park. Ceremonies included a tribute to Stewart Burnett, after whom the park is named; and a cake-cutting. The ceremony was followed by an exhibition ball game, featuring players from the town's minor bantam, bantam and minor midget teams. *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

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**Aurora Minor Hockey Association**



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2010/2011 REGISTRATION**

In-house registration for the 2010-2011 hockey season will be available at the AMHA office at ACC1 Aug 25, Sept 1, and Sept 8, 2010 between 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Regular office hours will commence September 11, 2010. Saturday office hours are 10:00 – 1:00 and Wednesday office hours are 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

The AMHA will accept children born in 2004 for our Tyke Hockey Program. It is recommended that they have either taken skating lessons or completed one year of Opti Hockey.

The AMHA will accept players born in 1990 and 1991 for the Midget House League Program.

Midget AA and Midget AE tryouts for players born in 1993 and 1994 will commence August 24, 2010. Players must be registered with the office before attending tryouts.

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# Aurora Youth Soccer



## HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

**U8B Wed - Scores not reported**

**U8/9B M/W - Division Sponsored By Popsicle - August 16 - Spain/Red 3** (M. McConnell 1, A. Kok 1, S. Coloichio 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly 4** (S. Morrison 3, C. Therkildsen 1); **Netherlands/Orange 6** (J. McCann 1, B. Warchol 2, W. Sherman 2, C. Davis 1) vs **Italy/Royal 1** (E. Kilburn 1);

**August 23 - Italy/Kelly 3** (T. Simpson 1, B. Macris 2) vs **Ireland/Kelly 1** (C. Therkildsen 1);

**U8G Wed - No Scores reported**

**U9B M - Division Sponsored by East Side Mario's Aurora - August 23 - Spain/Red 5** (S. Wittle 1, M. Gram 1, Q. Bruckner 1, R. Kniss 1, shutout C. Read/A. Alliston);

**U9G T/Thurs - Division Sponsored by East Side Mario's Aurora - July 1 - Spain/Red 0** vs **Argentina/Sky 5** (R. Wright 1, P. Nichols 1, L. Giogi 2, K. Ross 2, D. Oreilly 2, S. Casey 1); **Ireland/Kelly 3** (M. Mcgee 3) vs **Mexico/Forest - A Buyer's Choice Home Inspection 4** (K. Franken 1, B. MacFarlane 1);

**Netherlands/Orange 3** vs **Italy/Royal 0**; **Brazil/Gold 2** (K. Godkin 1, M. Alvarez 1) vs **USA/Navy 2** (B. Haynes 1, A. Petinarelis 1);

**July 29 - Brazil/Gold 5** vs **Ireland/Kelly 0**; **Netherlands/Orange 3** (N. Worthman 1, M. Thompson 1) vs **Argentina/Sky 5** (S. Casey 2, M. More 1, P. Nichols 1, C. Glynn 1);

**Spain/Red 1** (P. Porter 1) vs **Italy/Royal 1** (N. Forrester 1); **USA/Navy 2** (A. Petinarelis 1, S. Haws 1) vs **Mexico/Forest - A Buyer's Choice Home Inspection 1** (M. O'Connor 1); **August 12 - Ireland/Kelly 4** (C. Kostoff 1, K. Cruickshank 1, K. Orzechowski 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 3** (S. Foster 1, N. Worthman 1, A. Pisanko 1); **USA/Navy 5** (M. Walsh 1, R. Colucci 1, S. Hawes 1, T. Young-C 1) vs **Italy/Royal 2** (S. Imseis 1, O. Purcell 1); **Mexico/Forest - A Buyer's Choice Home Inspection 6** (E. Richards 1, M. O'Connor 1) vs **Spain/Red 1** (A. Spinelli 1);

**August 19 - Brazil/Gold 0** vs **Argentina/Sky 2** (D. O'Reilly 1, C. Glynn 1); **Spain/Red 0** vs **USA/Navy 5** (M. Anderton 1, A. Cunningham 1, R. Colluci 1, A. Farias 1, D. Duthie 1); **Mexico/Forest - A Buyer's Choice Home Inspection 3** (B. MacFarlane 1, E. Richards 1) vs **Italy/Royal 6** (O. Purcell 1, S. Imseis 1, C. Barratt 1, M. Scher 1);

**U10B T/TH - Division Sponsored by Shoeless Joe's Aurora - August 10 - Argentina/Sky 4** (N. Rountes 3, S. Giorgio 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 4** (S. Rumble 1, C. Chiarenza 1, D. Varone 2); **USA/Navy 3** (T. Morra 1, L. Klien 1, L. McGillis 1) vs **Mexico/Forest 4** (K. Morning 2, P. Namrood 2); **Spain/Red - Longo's 8** (P. Charleson 5, T. Boisseau 1, C. Walker 1, K. Dufty 1) vs **Australia/Yellow 3** (C. Bloor 2, A. Issaris 1); **Ireland/Kelly 3** vs **Brazil/Gold 3**;

**August 17 - Italy/Royal 1** (A. Wochenmarkt 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly 6** (B. Keeler 2, B. Vaughan 1, N. Keller 1, X. Flemming 1, R. Farewell 1, B. Joynt 1); **Brazil/Gold 7** (M. Foote 2, N. Robinson 2, W. Whetham 1, D. Kisler 1, N. Arias 1) vs **Spain/Red - Longo's 4** (P. Charleson 2, T. Boisseau 1, B. Shennan 1); **Australia/Yellow 4** (E. Cohen 1, C. Bloor 1, M. Felly 2) vs **USA/Navy 2** (A. Geoffroy 2); **Germany/White 2** (K. Fisher 1, M. Orlandi 1) vs **Argentina/Sky 2** (A. End 1, N. Rountes 1); **Mexico/Forest 2** (C. Mahoney 1, M. Gisonni 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 2** (S. Rumble 1, C. Gorrell 1);

## U10BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	10	3	1	31
Kelly	8	3	3	27
Gold	7	3	4	25
Navy	8	6	0	24
Red	7	5	2	23
Forest	6	5	3	21
Sky	5	6	3	18
Orange	4	5	4	16
Yellow	3	9	2	11
Royal	0	13	0	0

**U10G M/W - Division Sponsored By Popsicle - August 11- Brazil/Gold 1** (T. Britton 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 1** (L. Howell 1); **Italy/Royal 2** (R. Wood 1, C. Card 1) vs **USA/Navy 3** (R. Meehan 1, T. Dunstan 1, M. Tencinger 1); **Ireland/Kelly 1** (L. Morrison 1) vs **Argentina/Sky 6** (A. Devogel 1, K. Bulgaretti 1, K. Law-Heese 1, S. MacLeod 1, S. Capobianco 1, E. Clark 1, K. Locke 1); **Spain/Red 3** (V. Brochu 3) vs **Mexico/Forest**

**3** (S. Mogavero 2, I. West 1);

**August 18 - Brazil/Gold 2** (M. Silver 1, T. Britton 1) vs **Argentina/Sky 2** (A. Rahal 1, A. Devogel 1); **Mexico/Forest 3** (L. Morrison 1, L. Wilson 1, J. Sproul 1) vs **Italy/Royal 1** (N. Modreanu 1); **Netherlands/Orange 3** (H. Kenkel 1, K. Topping 1, L. Divincenzo 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly 3** (L. Morrison 2, M. Bertola 1); **Spain/Red 3** (M. Gheron 2, V. Brochu 1) vs **USA/Navy 3** (G. Bennett 2, J. Bondarewski 1);

## U10GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	10	1	3	33
Sky	6	5	3	21
Gold	5	6	3	18
Orange	5	6	3	18
Red	4	4	6	18
Royal	5	7	2	17
Navy	5	7	2	17
Kelly	3	7	4	13

**U11B M/W - No scores reported**

## U11BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	10	2	1	31
Kelly	9	2	2	29
Navy	7	4	2	23
Gold	5	8	0	15
Royal	3	9	1	10
Red	2	11	0	6

**U11G T/Thurs - July 22 - Brazil/Gold 1** (J. Babic1) vs **Royal/Italy - Wait's Bathroom Plus 4** (N. Trozzo 3, T. McGrath 1); **USA/Navy - Michael Tough Keller Williams Referred Realty 0** vs **Ireland/Kelly - Michelberger Orthodontics 1** (A. Christakakos 1); **Netherlands/Orange 1** (A. Martin 1) vs **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation 4** (L. Harrison 2, J. Aben 1, A. Alvarez 1);

**July 29 - Netherlands/Orange 3** (N. Shaw 1, A. Alberton 1, A. Martin 1) vs **Brazil/Gold 3** (I. Quail 2, E. Laurignano 1); **Italy/Royal - Wait's Bathroom Plus 1** (N. Trozzo 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - Michelberger Orthodontics 4** (A. Christakakos 2, K. Dajia 1, S. Saunders 1); **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation 2** (V. Garritano 1, J. Masciarelli 1) vs **USA/Navy - Michael Tough Keller Williams Referred Realty 2** (J. Steenhorst 1, L. Flores 1);

**August 12 - Ireland/Kelly - Michelberger Orthodontics 0** vs **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation 4** (B. Nocon-Willats 1, A. Boutin 2, A. Alvarez 1); **USA/Navy - Michael Tough Keller Williams Referred Realty 2** (C. Srouji 1, A. Mosu 1) vs **Brazil/Gold 0**; **Italy/Royal-Wait's Bathroom Plus 2** (S. Caceres 1, P. Boston 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 3** (J. Foss 1, N. Shaw 1, A. Martin 1);

## U11GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	8	1	2	26
Navy	8	1	2	26
Kelly	8	2	1	25
Orange	2	7	2	8
Royal	2	8	1	7
Gold	0	9	2	2

**U12B M/W - August 9 - Netherlands/Orange 0** vs **USA/Navy - JDS Financial Group 4** (K. Naydenov 1, J. Grelet 1, G. Caccamo 1, J. Bain 1); **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation 5** (D. McConnell 2, C. Zinner 1, S. Broad 1, E. Shennan 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Core Micro 3** (E. Woodhead 1, C. Eby 2); **Brazil/Gold 2** (D. Vuko 2) vs **Ireland/Kelly -Turtle Island Recycling 5** (Z. Razak 1, N. Hatzitolios 2, A. Kostakis 1, S. Mirshahi 2);

**August 16 - Ireland/Kelly -Turtle Island Recycling 1** (Z. Razak 1) vs **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation 4** (D. McConnell 2, J. Morello 1, S. Broad 2, E. Shennan 1, O. Robinson 1); **Italy/Royal - Core Micro Technology 7** (J. Delmas 3, H. Jarvis 2, D. Hope 1, D. DeBuono 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 2** (S. Atkinson 2); **USA/Navy - JDS Financial Group 2** (K. Naydenov 1, G. Caccamo 1) vs **Brazil/Gold 2** (D. Vucko 2);

**August 23 - Spain/Red - Soccer Nation 6** (D. McConnell 3, D. Mettel 1, E. Shennan 1, O. Robinson 1) vs **USA/Navy - JDS Financial Group 3** (J. Grelet 2, R. Falzone 1); **Netherlands/Orange 3** (K. Woods 1, S. Atkinson 1, S. Midolo 1) vs **Brazil/Gold 8** (B. Russell 2, J. Gardiner 1, J. Altomare 2, J. Dabit 1, J. Sanga 2); **Italy/Royal Core Micro Technology 2** (J. Delmas 1, V. Nguyen 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - Turtle Island Recycling 3** (P. Anagnastakos 1, Z. Razak 2);

## U12BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	11	0	2	35

Navy	7	2	4	25
Gold	5	3	5	20
Kelly	4	7	2	14
Royal	3	7	3	12
Orange	0	11	2	2

**U12G M/W- August 11- Navy/USA - Laceby Real Estate 2** (N. Verstraten 2) vs **Brazil/Gold - Hartwell Thayer Financial 3** (J. Siery 1, A. Walker 1, A. Lawrie 1); **Spain/Red -Canadian Vascular Labs 3** (N. Maugeri 2, C. Whelan 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - Event Design & Catering 1** (C. Moran 1); **Netherlands/Orange - JDS Financial Group 5** (S. Bellerby 2, Z. Webster 1, M. Jakubas 1, M. Shehata 1) vs **Italy/Royal Dr. Aharon St. Andrew's Dental 3** (M. Shortt 3);

**August 18 - Spain/Red - Canadian Vascular Labs 2** (N. Maugeri 1, C. Whelan 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Hartwell Thayer Financial 2** (B. Nunn 1, A. Kernerman 1); **Netherlands/Orange - JDS Financial Group 3** (M. Irish 2, N. Iliadis 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - En Ville Design & Design & Catering 2** (J. Alessandrini 1, R. Al-Kas 1); **USA/Navy - Laceby Real Estate 0** vs **Italy/Royal - Dr. Aharon St. Andrew's Dental 3** (B. Howell 1, V. Iaboni 2);

## U12GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	9	1	5	32
Gold	8	2	5	29
Orange	9	4	2	29
Royal	7	6	2	23
Navy	2	12	1	7
Kelly	2	12	1	7

**U13B T/Thurs - No scores reported**

## U13BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	11	3	0	33
Red	8	4	2	26
Kelly	8	5	1	25
Orange	7	5	2	23
Gold	3	9	2	11
Navy	1	12	1	4

**U13G T/Thurs - August 10 - Brazil/Gold - Aurora Home hardware Building Centre 3** (K. Wood 2, H. Kenea 1) vs **USA/Navy - LeGallais Veterinary Hospital 3** (S. Wang 2, A. Kern 1); **Ireland/Kelly AVIVA 1** (N. Zaroski 1) vs **Spain/Red -Soccer Nation 4** (M. Gans 1, T. Issaris 3); **Italy/Royal - Dr. Mark Weeden 2** (C. Crocket 1, M. Baile 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 3** (V. Foster 1, K. Deveau 2);

**August 12 - Ireland/Kelly - AVIVA 1** (C. Dusome 1) vs **Spain/Red-Soccer Nation 5** (S. Brochu 1, M. Gans 1, J. Desa 1, M. Lee 1, S. Schaefer 1); **USA/Navy - LeGallais Veterinary Hospital 1** (S. Wang 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 3** (H. Park 1, H. Keanea 1, N. Bagshaw 1); **Italy/Royal - Dr. Mark Weeden 4** (R. Geylikman 1, B. Gatzos 1, S. Moody 1, H. Rahal 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 2** (K. Lemaire 1, K. Deveau 1);

**August 17- Brazil/ Gold - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 2** (K. Wood 1, H. Kenea 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 3** (K. Deveau 2, K. Deveau 1); **Ireland/Kelly - AVIVA 2** (J. Fedec 1, O. Weir 2) vs **Italy/Royal - Dr. Mark Weeden 2** (J. Devries 1, C. Crocket 1); **USA/Navy - LeGallais Veterinary Hospital 1** (S. Wang 1) vs **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation 1** (S. Brochu 1);

## U13GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	9	0	4	31
Royal	8	3	2	26
Gold	4	6	3	15
Navy	3	6	4	13
Orange	3	6	4	13
Kelly	2	8	3	9

**U14/15B M/W - August 11 - Brazil/ Gold - Dr. Steiner's Drillers 6** (P. Steiner 2, R. Dowling 2, C. Settino 1, K. Rachwalski 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - Kwik Kopy Printing 2** (E. Simkovich 1, G. Robinson 1); **Mexico/Forest 8** (A. Mete 2, L. Pozzebon 2, K. Joyce 1, R. Smith 3) vs **Italy/Royal - Upper Canada Mall 9** (Q. Ing 1, Q. McGowan 4, Q. Campbell 2, A. Andrade 1); **Navy/USA - S. Wilson Bailiff Bandit's 1** (A. Manassis 1) vs **Argentina/Sky 2** (M. Caceres 2); **Netherlands/Orange - Pizza Pizza 8** (R. Pritchett 1, F. DeBuono 3, J. Stel 1, T. Abushinov 1, J. Defina 2) vs **Spain/Red - Wikoff Color Corp 6** (S. Foxwell 4, T. Malone 2);

**August 18 - USA/Navy - S. Wilson Bailiff Bandit's 1** (A. Manassis 1) vs

**Netherlands/Orange - Pizza Pizza 3** (R. Pritchett 1, M. Pettula 1, F. DeBuono 1); **Argentina/Sky 4** (N. Hossack 1, B. Osa 1, T. Hill 1, R. Moore 1) vs **Spain/Red - Wikoff Color Corp 3** (D. Fiori 1, T. Malone 1); **Brazil/Gold - Dr. Steiner's Drillers 7** (R. Dowling 3, P. Steiner 2, K. Rachwalski 1, C. Settino 1) vs **Mexico/Forest 3** (A. Mete 2, A. Bogdan 1); **Ireland/Kelly - Kwik Kopy Printing 5** (E. Slimkovich 1, M. Stolin 1, A. DeRoos 1, G. Robinson 1, A. Turco 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Upper Canada Mall 4** (P. Sajjalik 1, Q. McGowan 3);

## U14/15 BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	10	3	0	30
Orange	9	4	0	27
Royal	8	5	1	25
Gold	8	5	1	25
Forest	8	5	0	24
Sky	5	8	0	15
Navy	3	10	1	10
Red	1	12	1	4

**U14/15G M/W - Scores not reported**

## U14/15 GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	10	2	1	31
Sky	8	3	2	26
Fuschia	8	4	1	25
Royal	8	4	1	25
Forest	8	5	0	24
Yellow	6	6	1	19
Kelly	4	8	1	13
Gold	3	8	2	11
Red	3	10	0	9
Orange	2	10	1	7

**U16/19B Thurs - Division sponsored by Upper Canada Mall - July 20 - Ireland/Kelly 6** (M. Fodero 1, B. Vaughan 1, N. Keller 1, B. Joynt 1, R. Farewell 1, J. Maniscalco 1) vs **Spain/Red 0**; **Mexico/Forest 6** (K. Morning 1, C. Mahoney 1, E. Chow 1, L. Stewart 1, P. Namrood 1, M. Gisonni 3) vs **Australia/Yellow 1** (A. Bistilo 1); **Netherlands/Orange 5** vs **Germany/White 2**; **USA/Navy 1** (N. Sever 1) vs **Argentina/Sky 3** (L. Campisi 2); **July 29 - Spain/Red 1** (G. Morihovitis 1) vs **USA/Navy - Gringler,Iskov, Lerner 6** (V. Grabovsky 3, M. Lerner 2, M. Yeatman 2, T. Braceland 1, N. Dinallo 1, D. Kovacs 1, J. Liu 1); **Netherlands/Orange 6** (J. Pellarin 2, J. Borsellino 1, M. Mikhaili 2, M. D'Andrea 1) vs **Brazil/Gold 2** (S. Glaysher 1, L. Battiston 1); **Italy/Royal 3** (D. Dilena 1, G. Iaboni 1, B. Coady 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly 3** (S. Dinning 2, Robertson 1);

**August 12 - Navy/USA - Gringler,Iskov,Lerner 7** (T. Braceland 3, V. Grabovsky 1, D. Kovacs 1, M. Yeatman 1, D. Bisogno 1) vs **Brazil/Gold 2** (Hawkins 1, C. Hadley 1); **Ireland/Kelly 4** (D. McConnell 2, D. Dilena 1, G. Iaboni 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange 2** (D. Evans 2); **August 19 - USA/Navy - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner 8** (D. Kovacs 3, D. Eveleigh 3, T. Braceland 1, V. Grabovsky 1, M. Yeatman 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Dr. Orschel's Drillers 3** (G. Iaboni 1, C. Bovell 1, D. McConnell 1); **Netherlands/Orange 4** (M. Mikhili 2, A. Partridge 1, M. D'Andrea 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly 5** (S. Dinning 3, R. Bagshaw 1, R. Sanchez 1); **Brazil/Gold 0** vs **Spain/Red 1**;

## U16/U19BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	9	1	1	28
Orange	7	2	2	23
Kelly	4	5	2	14
Royal	4	6	1	13
Gold	2	6	3	9
Red	1	7	3	6

**U16/18G Tues - No scores reported**

## U16/18 GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	11	1	2	



Visitors inspect Aurora trail plans at town hall last week.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

# Aurora trail plan

From page 10

"You don't have much to offer [the public] around those lines," he said. "We have things like the Oak Ridges Moraine. If we put a trails system on the map of the variety that I envision then we have something to offer.

"[During Doors Open] I led two hikes in downtown Aurora to the Vandorf Woodlot. In the first group I checked where the people came from and more than half of them said they were from Toronto. They come up here to go through nature.

"You can see the poten-

tial for drawing people from Toronto and into Aurora if you have that type of system. They will make it a day outing. What Unionville has to offer by way of heritage buildings into the downtown, we can offer by way of heritage nature. That is an economic benefit."

# Blue Rodeo will headline hoedown

Canadian music icon Blue Rodeo will headline this year's Hoedown entertainment line-up.

Considered one of the greatest bands this country has ever produced, Blue Rodeo has sold more than four million records over the course of their 25-year career, won an unprecedented five Juno awards as Group of the Year, and has been inducted onto Canada's Walk of Fame.

Over the course of their career, Blue Rodeo has released 12 studio albums, two live albums, a greatest hits collection and an award-winning DVD.

Last month, Blue Rodeo was honoured with a nomination for Roots Artist of the Year by the Canadian Country Music Association.

The band's latest album, The

Things We Left Behind, went platinum earlier this year and features a collection of songs that range from heartfelt ballads to full-out, honky-tonk foot stompers.

In addition to Blue Rodeo, the Aurora Hoedown will also feature a tribute show in honour of the "King of Country Music" called Hank Williams 'live' 1952, starring Joe Matheson, as well as some local talent, including Aurora high school student Dylann Miller, a former Aurora Teen Idol champion and semi-finalist at the recent Rising Star Competition, and the Jaymor Dancers from the Jaymor School of Dancing in Aurora.

This year's Hoedown will take place Saturday, September 18 on the Magna campus in Aurora under the largest tent in

the country.

The event will run from 5 p.m. to midnight - rain or shine - and features a Texas-style barbeque dinner, cash bar and Prosperor's Raffle.

The Hoedown started out as a fundraiser at the Stronach family farm and has become York Region's largest annual community fundraiser, generating proceeds of more than \$4 million for local community groups during its 22-year history.

Twenty local charities and community groups, serving a wide range of residents and community needs, have been selected as recipients of this year's Hoedown funding.

For more information on the 2010 Wild Wild West Hoedown, check the website [www.hoedown.ca](http://www.hoedown.ca).

# Writers' workshop is set at Cultural Centre

On September 19, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., two of the best writing workshop facilitators in Ontario will present Write to Win, a one-day writers' workshop, at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street.

Dorothea Helms and Ruth E. Walker, co-owner of Writescape, are multiple-award-winning writers, experienced contest judges, editors and seasoned workshop presenters.

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Dorothea Helms is an editor, writer and poet and the author of The Writing Fairy's Guide to Calling Yourself a

Writer and the co-owner of Write Stuff Writing Services.

Among her many awards, she was the inaugural winner of the Barbara Novak Award for Excellence in Humour and/or Personal Essay Writing in 2005 presented by The Professional Writers' Association of Canada.

Ms Walker is the co-author of Inspiration Station.

Her first submission of fiction won the 1996 Canadian Living magazine's short story contest, and she has gone on to win several other competitions since and to have her fiction and poetry published in Canada, the U.S., and the UK.

The two leaders have taught creative writing in workshops, at week-long programs and college-level courses.

# Grant requests deferred to next council meeting

Requested grants from three organizations under the 2010 Community Grants program were deferred at this month's council meeting until September to get a better handle on how they fit into funding criteria.

The grant requests, made by Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, St. Andrew's College, and Victim Services of York Region, totalled \$2,750.

Big Brothers Big Sisters requested \$1,000 to help develop a room which would be used "for programs and activities that will benefit a great number of Aurora residents, including 'bigs and 'littles' living in the community" and would also be made available to other charities in the building, according to a report from Al Downey, Director of Leisure Services.

St. Andrew's sought \$750 to "offset the cost of promotions for a not-for-profit organization" and Victim services requested \$1,000 for a new computer which would be compatible with specific database systems and hard drives to work hand-in-hand with their partnership with York Regional Police.

Councillors, however, said they were having difficulty approving these grants because they didn't necessarily fit in the determined criteria.

The criteria set forth for the Community Grants Program is comprised primarily of three main goals - seed funding for new recreation programs in the community, joint community service groups or "departmental ventures", and "Programs that have no other municipal funding assistance but are recognized as a recreational community program meritorious of Council's support," said Mr. Downey.

Grants in this program can be cash grants that are derived from a set lump sum, recreational program grants to assist participation in town sponsored programs, and grants for facility use. Eligible groups must be Aurora-based non-profit groups or "observe the Town's 80 per cent residency rule."

Funding cannot be awarded to an organization for operating materials, furniture, or capital equipment.

"Big Sisters and Big Brothers of York are within Aurora," said Mr. Downey. "The Victim Services of York Region I don't believe are actually located in Aurora but they have clientele that are in Aurora and I'm sorry I can't tell you exactly how many.

"The residency rule may not apply to them, but certainly they are a non-profit organization assisting Aurora residents."

Councillor Wendy Gaertner maintained, however, that council has a process to follow.

"I really wish the criteria were wider and [it] may be at some point, but I remember being on council and having to refuse a \$400 grant to the York Region Abuse Program for the reasons that I have stated," she said.

Mayor Phyllis Morris said she agreed that the purchasing of operating materials doesn't fit the criteria and puts council "in a bad spot".

"It has been presented to us to approve it and it says cash grants will not be awarded for the

purchasing of operating materials, furniture or capital equipment, so I am not sure why it is before us," she said.

Mr. Downey said the mayor was correct and that staff have been asked to revisit the Community Grant process.

"We've already directed staff to prepare a report on the grant program going forward, [but] we have criteria that is in place right now," said Mayor Morris. "We

have to live up to that criteria. Unless somebody comes forward and makes an application but we're going to have to go by what the criteria says. I don't believe this should be before us straight away."

When these items appear before the next council meeting September 14 staff are expected to provide additional information on how these three requests fit into the existing policy.

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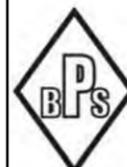
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## Senior Scape



By BRIAN WARBURTON

### Computer Club will switch processors

Everything seniors do is subject to change, sometimes in great leaps.

A change in demand for instruction in the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) computer club has seen a dramatic fall in the number of seniors taking Microsoft Word Processing lessons, and as a direct consequence, word processing utilizing the Open Office program, which is available as a free download, replaces it.

More similarities exist between the two Microsoft Word and Open Office than differences, but when money is tight and thrift controls finances, Open Office exerts a tremendous attraction.

The ASA computer club expects to offer word processing instruction in October, employing the Open Office

Writer program on the newly acquired computers featuring Windows 7.

Without any instruction or prior knowledge of Windows 7, I was able to operate the new equipment with little problem.

For members learning word processing for the first time, obviously Open Office Writer can present no difference, and for those who have some familiarity with Microsoft Word processing, the easiest approach appears for the student to accept similarities.

As differences emerge, the natural and easy assimilation of incremental new word processing practice, empowers the student to attain a comfort level relatively quickly.

Open Office is an excellent word processing program, and expands the scope of a computer at no charge.

Summer continues its annual passage through our lives, providing good weather for holidays and the endless creation of memories.

Members returning to the ASA find everything as it was, a little quieter certainly, with many members still holidaying, but friends quickly find friends.

In the next September newsletter, look for your areas of interest, and expect to find what appeals to you, and this should include the Computer Club activities, which always attract attention but will probably begin in October rather than in September.

Plans for the Choir are not available to this point, but I am confident that enthusiastic choristers will carry the Choir to a future, filled with their music.

The Wood Shop continues with one project after another, and this group, which includes female wood carvers, plans a float for the next Christmas parade, the date of which is still to be announced.

Probably the activity that attracts the greatest number of participants, and this is every day, is card games.

Duplicate Bridge, Bid Euchre 8 game, Bridge, Canasta, and Bid Euchre 6 game, are all played weekly and they always appear to be well supported.

Bingo, Dominoes and Scrabble have strong adherents. Chess attracts a few while Carpet Bowling continues as does Table Tennis, Badminton and Pickle Ball.

In addition, we have the Knotty Knitters, who pride themselves on fine conversation as much as their excellent knitting which is in addition to crocheting and needle work.

lished writers. The group meets the fourth Monday of each month at the Town of Aurora municipal building.

Aurora Storyalis III is the third publication of short stories, poems, and essays by the Aurora Writers Group.

The first publication was released in 2006, and the second was released in 2008 at a very well attended book launch.

Copies of Aurora Storyalis III will be available for sale at 'Tea and Scones and Stories' along with other published work from the group.

For further information contact Heather Anne Lambert at 416-464-5513.

### Third book is launched in Aurora September 12

The Aurora Writers' Group is hosting 'Tea and Scones and Stories', a book launch for their newest publication, Aurora Storyalis III, Sunday, September 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. and it's your chance to enjoy an afternoon tea.

Members of the Aurora Writers' Group will entertain the audience with readings from Aurora Storyalis III at the Aurora Cultural Centre, (formerly Church Street School) at 22 Church Street.

The Aurora Writers' Group is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to support and help develop both budding and estab-

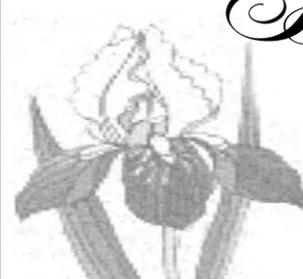


Newmarket-Aurora Member of Parliament Lois Brown hosted the Hon. Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for Science and Technology, left, recently. Goodyear attended three establishments in the area participating in Federal Economic Development Agency programs, including Your Solar Home on Industrial Parkway South, Aurora, where he met president Todd Kirkpatrick, right.

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OMB Hearings are expensive – costs that come directly out of our pockets. Which means dollars spent on legal fees cannot be used for other initiatives that return more value to our community.

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### WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY

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— Eric Goulden: Resident, Neighbour, Business Associate, President Telonix Communications

I have known Geoff for more than 15 years and witnessed first-hand Geoff's ability to get the job done with integrity – without confrontation or anger. He's a person with no hidden agenda who believes strongly that transparency is a sign of character and strength.

— Jim McAlpine: Resident, President - McAlpine Capital Advisors Inc.

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Aurora Chamber of Commerce annual 2010 Business Achievement Awards Champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Country Day School on Dufferin Street in King Township. Tickets are \$75 per person plus HST. Event begins at 6.30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

Internationally acclaimed author Marina Nemat, will read from her newest book, *After Tehran, a Life Reclaimed*. A story of courage and recovery, *After Tehran* chronicles Nemat's confrontation with her past, how she re-engages with her distant father, and how ultimately she emerges from the emotional ravages of post-traumatic stress. Free with a ticket, but seating is limited. Event takes place at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room at the Aurora Public Library.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

A Bereavement Support Group for adults experiencing the death of a loved one, is again being offered at the Aurora United Church. The eight-week session is held from 7 to 9 p.m., and ends Dec 1. There is no fee for this program. It is non denominational and is open to all in the community. We will focus on strategies and resources for coping with your loss. To register or for more info, contact Carol at 905-640-7578 or bereavement@live.ca.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Wesley United Church holds its annual harvest fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Wesley United is at the corner of Woodbine and Aurora Rd.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

The Reverend David Chisling will talk about Garden Therapy at the regular meeting of the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society meeting at 8 p.m. at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Ray at 905-727-6168.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

Join artist Bill Lewochko to learn about the art of cartooning, and develop your own cartoon characters and style at the Aurora Public Library today from 10 a.m. to noon. This event is for children aged 9 to 14 and the cost of \$10 includes all materials.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

Aurora's Pine Tree Potters' Guild will host an "Empty Bowls" fund-raising event to benefit the York Region Food Network and Welcoming ArMs. The event will take place at the Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School) with lunch from noon to 2 p.m. and dinner from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets will be available after September 8. For the price of a ticket, guests may choose from hundreds of handmade pottery bowls. Chefs from various Aurora restaurants will be on hand to serve their signature gourmet soups and artisan breads. For further information, click on [www.pinetreepotters.ca](http://www.pinetreepotters.ca).

**CONTINUING**

Alateen meets every Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Victoria and Mosley Streets. Al-Anon meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Aurora United Church on Yonge Street. For more information go to [al-anon.alateen.on.ca](http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca).

The Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Visitors are welcome for only \$2. For more information call Ray at 905-727-6168.

York Highlands Chorus is an award-winning a capella Sweet Adelines chorus, a group of women who gather Tuesday evenings at the Old Fire Hall, Newmarket, to sing, share in the harmony of friendship and learn the barbershop art form. York Highlands is always looking for new women who share the love of a capella music. Call Karen at 905-726-2113 or Vikki at [information@yorkhighlands.com](mailto:information@yorkhighlands.com).

The Upper Canada Chordsmen, Aurora-Newmarket's award winning chorus, is looking for male singers. The group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Old Fire Hall, 140 Main Street South, in Newmarket.

The Optimist Club of Aurora meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Aurora Legion. New members are welcome. Call 905-727-5012 for more information.

The Aurora Lions Club meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Aurora Lions Hall, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. Co-ed club welcomes new members. For further information, call 905-727-6079.

Martha's Table, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora, is closed for the summer and will start up again Thursday, September 2..

The York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for new members. You do not have to be a police officer nor are you required to read music to volunteer. The group rehearses Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. For further information, contact the chorus supervisor at 905-727-9676 or the coordinator of volunteer services for YRP at 905-830-0303, extension 6717.

Aurora's Air Cadets meet every Tuesday night at Cardinal Carter School from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and offer a program for 12 years and older boys and girls.

Aurora Opera Children's Chorus welcomes treble voices. It is a choir dedicated to nurturing and providing opportunities for children to express their musical abilities. The chorus is open to boys

and girls ages 5-17. Contact the general director at [keeping@rogers.com](mailto:keeping@rogers.com)

Community Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) is looking for volunteers to assist with the activities in its Adult Day Program. The positions call for a commitment of a few hours a week at its Aurora location. Various times are available. Call Christine at 905-713-3494.

Every Wednesday from 6.30 to 8 p.m. the Pioneer Club for boys and girls, age three to Grade 4 and the Junior High Club for boys and girls, Grades 5 to 8, will be held at the Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. For more information call 905-841-8884.

A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on Bathurst Street just south of Henderson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann at [jhoffmann@sympatico.ca](mailto:jhoffmann@sympatico.ca).

Scottish Country Dancing on Tuesday evenings at 8.15 p.m. at the Aurora Heights Public School and Friday mornings at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome. For more information, call Helen at 905-713-3439 or Agnes at 905-841-2747.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members are welcome. For further information call 905-713-9356.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street, south of Wellington. For more information call 905-830-9205.

Masonic Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at the Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m.

Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee Club at 9 a.m. and lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080 for more information.

Gamblers Anonymous meets every Tuesday night at Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street, at 7.30 p.m.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night at the Aurora Legion at 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

Canadian Federation of University Women holds monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

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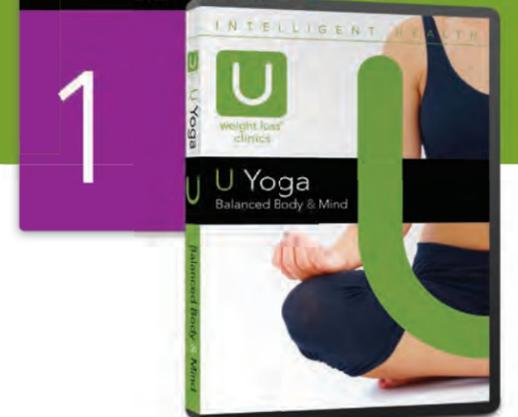
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